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IN THE CHURCHES.

Washington Presbyterian at Third Presbyterian Church

IN THIS CITY THE COMING WEEK

An Interesting Programme Prepared and It is Expected That a Large Representation of the Membership Will be Present—Addresses to be Delivered by Well Known Ministers—News of the Churches.

In the Third Presbyterian church on next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the Presbytery of Washington will meet and continue in session until Wednesday at 3 p. m. The presbytery embraces the four Pan Handle counties of this state and Washington county, Pa., also parts of Beaver and Greene counties, and is composed of fifty-one ministers and an equal number of lay delegates.

The Third church has been making special preparation for their reception and entertainment. The Rev. Percy H. Gordon, of Burgettstown, Pa., is moderator and will preside. Special music will be rendered by the Third church choir. On Tuesday evening four addresses will be made, as follows: "A Loyal Presbyterian," by Dr. J. M. Mealy, of Waynesburg, Pa.

"Giving an Act of Worship," by Rev. James H. Snowden, Washington, Pa.

"Our Synodical Home Mission Cause," by Rev. Dr. D. A. Cunningham, Wheeling.

"The Church and the Laboring People," by Rev. Matthew Rutherford, Washington, Pa.

On Wednesday morning from 9 to 10 o'clock, "The Quiet Hour" will be led by Rev. C. H. McDonald, Wellsburg, followed by discussions on the following topics:

"Spirituality and Intellectuality in the pulpit," by Dr. C. B. Austin, of Vance church.

"The Presence of the Spirit in Our Pastoral Calls," by Rev. T. Ross Padon, Dunningville, Pa.

"The Relation of a Spirit Filled Ministry to a Spirit Filled Church," Dr. W. A. Williams, Moundsville.

At the noon hour the ladies will serve lunch in the church dining room. This will also be made a social hour.

The meeting will probably close at 3 p. m. Wednesday, and Wednesday afternoon will be occupied with Presbyterial business and devotional exercises, led by Rev. W. H. Lester, of West Alexander, Pa.

Wayman A. M. E. church—Rev. D. S. Bentley, pastor, 10:45 a. m., "A Struggling Night and Victorious Morning," 2:30 p. m., Sunday school; 6:45 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 7:45 p. m., subject, "The Church and Fallen Women."

Services at the North street M. E. church—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. C. B. Graham, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "A Love That Kills." Evening subject, "The Message for You." Sunday school at 2 p. m. Epworth League devotional at close of Sunday service.

First Baptist church, Rev. Martin W.

Buck, pastor—Preaching at 10:30 a. m., subject: "Our Strength." Preaching at 7:30 p. m., subject: "The Charities and Horsemanship of Israel." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Sunday school at Chapel 'A,' corner Broadway and Maryland streets, and at Chapel 'B,' 2206 Eoff street, at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Ladies Mission Circle of the church will hold their meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, at the church. Mrs. S. J. Holmes, formerly a missionary in China, will be present to speak of her work and experiences as a missionary, and exhibit some curios from the foreign field.

Vance Memorial—Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by Dr. Austin. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m.

First Presbyterian church—The pastor, Rev. D. A. Cunningham, D. D., will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

First Christian church, Rev. C. M. Oliphant, pastor—Morning: "Our Individuality." Evening: "Amusements." Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; mission Sunday school, Thirty-first street, 2:30 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m., led by Miss Grace Cunningham. Topic: "The Indwelling Presence." Col. 1:11-23. Gal. 2:20. Prayer meeting at church Wednesday evening and at Thirty-first street mission Thursday evening. All welcome. Seats free.

At the Fourth street M. E. church, the pastor, Rev. J. L. Sooy, will preach at 10:30 a. m. on "Among the Pots," and at 7:30 p. m. on "The Careless." Sabbath school at 2 p. m.

At the United Presbyterian church, morning service at 10:30, evening at 7:30. Rev. H. Y. Leeper, of Pravo, Ohio, will preach both morning and evening, and also this evening at 7:30. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed, following the Sabbath morning service. Sabbath school at 2 p. m. Christian union meeting at 6:45.

Simpson M. E. church, Rev. J. W. Waters, pastor—Preaching at 10:30 a. m., subject, "A Good Life." Evening, 7:30, subject, "Security Against Temptation."

At the 10 a. m. mass yesterday, at the Cathedral, Mrs. Fitzgerald sang an "Ave Maria," composed by J. Sebastian Rafferty. It was a difficult piece of music, rendered with beautiful expression. On Christmas a "Credo," composed by Mr. Rafferty, will be sung for the first time, with orchestra accompaniment.

In Clerk Robertson's Office. Yesterday in Clerk Robertson's office the following were recorded:

Deed, made December 5, 1899, by John H. Foote, widower, to John Foote, Jr., consideration \$1,150; transfers north half of lot 4 in square 23, in sub-division of Joseph Caldwell estate.

Extension of the charter of the Reymann Brewing Company for fifty years from December 31, 1899.

Two deeds of trust were recorded.

Fell From a Bridge. William Strautman, living at No. 408 Water street, an employee of the Riverside steel works, had a fall yesterday morning that may be fraught with developments of a serious nature. Strautman was returning from his work about

4:30 a. m., and he walked along the Ohio River railroad tracks. At the Rogers Run bridge he stepped aside to get out of the way of a train, but he missed his footing, and fell to the ground below, a distance of thirty feet. None of his bones were broken, but it is feared he sustained internal injuries, the extent of which will not be determined for a few days.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Meets and Transacts Routine Business—Reports of Prison Superintendent and Chief of Police for the Month of November.

The council committee on police met last evening and transacted routine business. Among those present were Chairman Chew, Mayor Sweeney, Chief Clemans, Councilmen Kaeke, Fox and Bachman.

Bills were recommended to council for payment as follows: Police fund, \$183 42; city prison fund, \$146 08. Superintendent P. T. Wood, of the workhouse, reported for November as follows: In prison during the month, 70; time expired, 33; released, 15; in prison December 1, 27; number of days worked 18; meals served, 1,293.

Chief of Police Clemans reported for November as follows: Arrests, 37; white males, 72; colored males, 8; white females, 6; colored females, 0; males sent to city prison, 52; females sent to county jail, 2; fines assessed, \$734 65; fines collected, \$391 65.

Council committees on ordinances, finance and petitions and remonstrances have been called to meet on Monday.

Council meets in regular session Tuesday night.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.

F. T. Faulkner was a Washington citizen at the Windsor yesterday.

Poster Leap, of New Martinsville, registered at the Grand Central yesterday.

C. M. Root, of St. Mary's was in the city yesterday, and registered at the McLeure.

F. G. Rine, of Adonis, W. Va., one of Neil & Ellingham's traveling men, was in the city yesterday.

T. C. Burchinal and wife, of Gratton, and Mrs. P. Judge and child, of Gratton, were at the Stamm yesterday.

John Burgess, of Fairmont, and John Mathews, of Sistersville, were West Virginians at the Howell yesterday.

C. B. Colburn, general manager of the Brown Coal & Coke Company, has been called to the east on business connected with a deal for the sale of coal lands in which he is interested.

Ben Hoffman, of Toledo, is a guest at the home of Mr. George Bordaux, on Fourteenth street. Mr. Hoffman is an expert mandolinist.

President John E. Wright, of the La Belle Iron works, and Secretary John E. Garden, of the Wheeling Electrical Company, have returned from a hunting trip out in the state. They were very successful, so they say—getting about eighty quail and a few pheasants. But here's the rub: they checked their game through to Wheeling, but up to this time it has not arrived, and probably will not until it has seen better days.

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DIED.

DARE—On Thursday, December 7, 1899, MRS. MARY ISABELA DARE, wife of E. A. Dare, of Wellsburg, aged 63 years.

Funeral from the residence of her son, Brady H. Morgan, 25 South Huron street, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Friends of the family invited. Interment at Greenwood.

WOLVINGTON—On Thursday, December 7, 1899, at 9:30 a. m., ELIZABETH, wife of William Wolvington, aged 68 years.

Funeral services at family residence, 23 Thirty-third street, Saturday morning, December 9, at 9:30 a. m. Interment private at Cameron, W. Va.

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6.....	for 6 years.....	150	of 300.00	for 600
7.....	for 7 years.....	175	of 350.00	for 700
8.....	for 8 years.....	200	of 400.00	for 800
9.....	for 9 years.....	225	of 450.00	for 900
10.....	for 10 years.....	250	of 500.00	for 1,000
11.....	for 11 years.....	275	of 550.00	for 1,100
12.....	for 12 years.....	300	of 600.00	for 1,200
13.....	for 13 years.....	325	of 650.00	for 1,300
14.....	for 14 years.....	350	of 700.00	for 1,400
15.....	for 15 years.....	375	of 750.00	for 1,500
16.....	for 16 years.....	400	of 800.00	for 1,600
17.....	for 17 years.....	425	of 850.00	for 1,700
18.....	for 18 years.....	450	of 900.00	for 1,800
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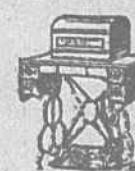
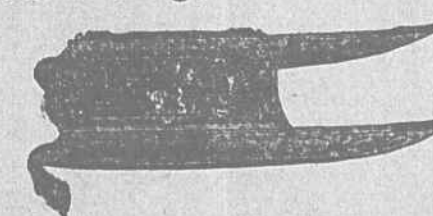
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